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ABSTRACT

This report on child support enforcement among Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients in May, 1975, is Part II of a three-part broad study of recipient characteristics. Part I provides demographic and program statistics; Part III offers data on the financial circumstances of AFDC families. The data were derived from a sample survey which included all states and jusisdictions except Guam. The minimum sample required from each state was one-half of one percent, but states were given the option to submit larger samples computed by specified formulas. Twenty-nine states provided samples large enough for reliable state data to be included in the tabulations. Data are also shown for all 10 Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) regions. Sample data are inflated to represent all families receiving money payments during the study month. Therefore, the data are subject to sampling variability and, as in all surveys, the figures are subject to errors of response. A brief overview of child support enforcement in 1975 prefaces the 10 tables included in the report. Appendices provide a glossary of selected terms and a discussion of sample design and of data accuracy. (Author/RH)

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FOREWORD

This report on child support enforcement among AFDC families in May 1975 is Part II of a broad study of recipient characteristics. Part I provided demographic and program statistics; subsequent reports will offer data on finances and services received.

The study was made by the National Center for Social Statistics of the Social and Rehabilitation Service before the reorganization of HEW announced in March 1977. The study was directed by Howard Oberheu of the Family Assistance Studies Staff. The sample was designed by William Hickey and Stanley Nachimson, mathematical statisticians, presently of the Office of Human Development Services and the Health Care Financing Administration, respectively.

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The Office of Research and Statistics gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of State and local welfare agency personnel. State welfare agencies were responsible for completion of sample surveys for the study month. Information was obtained from case records supplemented by the personal knowledge of welfare agency workers.

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CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN 1975

This study of AFDC families was made before the amendments to the Social Security Act that directed States to establish a separate agency to enforce support obligations owed by absent parents, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain child support. This section of the Act, Title IV, Part D, became effective August 1, 1975. Before Title IV-D, some States had organizations established to obtain child support. Although the summary refers to the national caseload, there were considerable variations in State practices.

EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUPPORT

During the 12 months before the study, an attempt was made to obtain parental support or establish paternity of children for two-fifths of the 3.4 million families on AFDC in May 1975 (table 1). In some of the remaining 2 million families, the parents were not absent but at least one was deceased or incapacitated or the father was unemployed. Other families already had a court order for support, although it did not meet all of the financial needs of the family.

The activity in this area during the year consisted of efforts to obtain child support (24 percent), to enforce an existing support obligation (8 percent), to locate an absent parent (24 percent), or to establish paternity (16 percent). States were successful in one-third of their 800,000 attempts to locate absent parents and in two-fifths of their 500,00 attempts to establish paternity.

COURT ORDER AND PARENT'S AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORT

There was a court order or parent's agreement for support of the children in three of 10 AFDC families (table 2). Most support provisions for AFDC children with absent parents were by court order, outnumbering parent's agreement by almost four to one.

On the average, the number of children per AFDC family on whose behalf support was ordered was greater than the number of children per family with parent's agreement for support (tables 4 and 5). The proportion of families with one child among those with support ordered and those with support agreed upon was 39 percent and 45 percent, respectively. Families with three or more children with support arrangements was 31 percent when support was ordered compared with 25 percent when agreed upon.

PAYMENTS OF SUPPORT

During May 1975, court orders and parent's agreements for support totaled $127 million (table 6). Of that amount, $101 million was court ordered (table 7) and $26 million was agreed upon (table 8). The average amounts of support ordered or agreed upon were $124.34 and $121.59, respectively. However, not all amounts ordered or agreed upon were actually paid by the absent parent.

Of cases with support obligations already established, full payments were made for only 18 percent that were under court orders and 9 percent that had parent's agreements (table 9). Partial payments of court-ordered and voluntary support were made for 22 percent and 6 percent of the cases, respectively. For 17 percent of the families with child support arrangements, proceedings were started to secure compliance with the court order.

The payees designated to receive support payments were public welfare agencies, courts, or other agencies for about two-thirds of the families with court order payments (table 10). These payments are generally considered as reimbursement to the welfare agency for AFDC payments. For the remaining one-third of families who were to receive support payments directly, the amount of the AFDC payment was reduced by the amount of support actually received.

TABLE 1.--AFDC FAMILIES, BY WHETHER THERE WERE EFFORTS DURING PAST YEAR TO OBTAIN PARENTAL SUPPORT OR ESTABLISH PATERNITY FOR RECIPIENT CHILDREN, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL FAMILIES 1/	NONE	OBTAINING CHILD SUPPORT	ENFORCING SUPPORT OBLIGATION OF ABSENT PARENT	LOCATING ABSENT PARENT		ESTABLISHING PATERNITY		UNKNOWN
					LOCATED	NOT LOCATED	ESTABLISHED	NOT ESTABLISHED	
U.S. TOTAL:									
NUMBER	3419671	2018143	829883	283411	267995	537815	208686	335446	18092
PERCENT	100.0	59.0	24.3	8.3	7.8	15.7	6.1	9.8	.5
HEW REGION:									
REGION I	207260	57.6	22.0	10.1	7.1	12.3	5.0	5.7	.4
REGION II	535303	60.3	21.3	7.5	6.0	17.1	9.4	9.4	.5
REGION III	365124	66.1	18.0	7.6	6.0	12.5	5.0	7.4	1.5
REGION IV	524728	69.5	19.1	3.6	5.5	14.0	2.8	7.6	.3
REGION V	739928	59.4	16.4	10.2	6.2	14.3	4.1	8.5	.6
REGION VI	263484	49.7	37.5	6.0	12.0	27.2	7.5	18.1	#
REGION VII	146263	51.7	33.1	6.3	13.4	22.3	8.6	15.8	.5
REGION VIII	67091	52.8	27.6	8.3	10.8	15.4	6.9	7.2	2.6
REGION IX	481003	51.1	39.7	10.7	10.5	14.5	9.5	13.2	.1
REGION X	89487	47.4	29.4	20.4	17.0	13.1	2.4	5.2	1.0
STATE:									
ARIZONA	20790	80.9	3.8	2.0	1.5	8.1	4.7	5.6	.4
CALIFORNIA	440863	49.4	42.8	11.3	10.9	14.3	9.9	13.2	.1
COLORADO	33386	57.4	16.0	7.9	7.9	13.0	8.8	7.0	5.0
FLORIDA	80669	69.3	7.6	5.4	3.8	17.3	1.8	6.2	#
GEORGIA	113253	76.3	14.5	3.2	2.2	8.0	2.5	2.1	.1
ILLINOIS	218949	71.0	6.3	4.5	3.3	17.0	3.0	7.2	.2
INDIANA	50798	53.9	19.2	10.9	9.1	16.8	5.5	8.9	2.4
IOWA	27646	55.5	34.3	11.3	7.6	8.7	2.4	5.0	.2
KANSAS	21646	62.6	29.9	7.7	9.2	13.1	3.4	7.9	#
KENTUCKY	52951	82.1	6.8	4.1	1.1	5.0	1.2	3.4	#
LOUISIANA	68267	36.8	54.1	3.8	19.0	30.2	16.1	35.4	#
MAINE	24444	86.8	5.3	5.8	4.5	.8	1.2	.5	.5
MASSACHUSETTS	113093	52.8	26.5	10.1	8.4	15.4	6.8	4.9	.4
MICHIGAN	193506	50.0	19.8	14.3	5.8	14.5	4.0	9.1	.7
MINNESOTA	44107	34.1	34.2	17.4	8.8	14.3	2.9	13.1	.2
MISSISSIPPI	54522	89.8	9.5	1.9	1.5	2.9	.6	4.1	#
MISSOURI	85507	46.7	32.6	4.3	17.0	30.6	13.0	23.1	.8
NEW JERSEY	131558	57.3	13.8	8.9	5.6	20.2	5.2	10.3	.3
NEW YORK	357728	59.4	25.9	7.9	6.1	16.5	11.1	10.0	.5
NORTH CAROLINA	61572	52.6	44.3	5.2	10.3	28.8	3.9	16.4	.6
NORTH DAKOTA	4399	56.1	39.1	10.1	5.2	8.8	2.0	6.8	.1
OHIO	177966	66.7	19.6	8.8	7.6	11.4	4.4	6.7	.5
PENNSYLVANIA	181311	75.8	14.3	7.6	3.3	6.5	3.1	3.7	.8
PUERTO RICO	45225	76.1	7.3	1.0	6.3	13.1	8.4	2.9	.6
SOUTH CAROLINA	43813	62.5	26.6	2.5	6.2	16.0	5.5	11.8	.1
TENNESSEE	67392	70.8	10.8	4.2	7.3	11.3	3.1	5.0	1.1
TEXAS	112155	51.4	34.8	8.3	8.9	31.7	4.8	10.8	#
VIRGINIA	55370	42.3	22.8	8.9	12.4	26.7	7.0	21.0	#
WEST VIRGINIA	21475	65.8	17.2	5.4	8.4	14.1	2.5	6.5	.6

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NO SAMPLE CASES

TABLE 2.--AFDC FAMILIES, BY WHETHER THERE IS A COURT ORDER OR PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR SUPPORT OF ANY OF THE CHILDREN IN THE AFDC ASSISTANCE GROUP, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL FAMILIES 1/	NO COURT ORDER OR AGREEMENT	ONE OR MORE COURT ORDERS OR AGREEMENTS	COURT ORDERED SUPPORT BY			AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR SUPPORT BY			UNKNOWN
				ONE ABSENT PARENT	TWO ABSENT PARENTS	THREE OR MORE ABSENT PARENTS	ONE ABSENT PARENT	TWO ABSENT PARENTS	THREE OR MORE ABSENT PARENTS	
U.S. TOTAL										
NUMBER	3419671	2350463	1044565	803423	42559	5541	227634	4908	41	24643
PERCENT	100.0	68.7	30.5	23.5	1.2	.2	6.7	.1	.0	.7
HEW REGION:										
REGION I	207260	53.6	45.7	38.6	1.3	.0	7.6	.1	#	.7
REGION II	535303	72.9	26.3	19.0	1.0	.2	7.2	.2	#	.8
REGION III	365124	66.8	31.8	24.1	1.2	.2	7.1	.2	#	1.4
REGION IV	524728	78.1	21.3	13.8	.7	.1	7.5	.2	#	.5
REGION V	739928	64.1	35.2	30.4	1.7	.4	4.0	.2	#	.7
REGION VI	263494	78.6	21.3	15.4	.9	#	5.4	#	.0	.2
REGION VII	146263	66.7	32.7	24.4	1.4	.1	8.2	.1	#	.6
REGION VIII	67091	61.7	35.7	31.7	1.9	.2	2.8	.1	#	2.5
REGION IX	481903	67.8	31.8	22.3	.9	.1	9.7	.1	#	.3
REGION X	99497	55.0	43.4	36.1	4.1	.3	4.6	#	#	1.2
STATE:										
ARIZONA	20790	74.6	25.2	16.9	.7	#	8.3	.1	#	.2
CALIFORNIA	440863	67.4	32.3	22.6	.8	.1	10.0	.1	#	.3
COLORADO	33346	66.2	29.2	24.8	1.1	.3	3.5	.1	#	4.6
FLORIDA	80669	80.8	19.1	14.0	1.2	#	4.7	#	#	.1
GEORGIA	113253	75.9	23.5	12.9	.5	#	10.6	.1	#	.6
ILLINOIS	218949	80.8	19.0	15.5	.4	.1	3.9	.2	#	.2
INDIANA	50788	44.3	53.1	43.9	6.0	.8	5.6	#	#	2.6
IOWA	27646	57.0	42.9	37.0	1.8	#	4.9	#	#	.1
KANSAS	21646	59.5	40.3	33.0	2.4	.2	5.5	.4	#	.1
KENTUCKY	52951	67.5	32.3	25.9	1.6	.6	6.0	.1	#	.2
LOUISIANA	68267	81.7	17.9	12.3	.1	#	6.3	#	#	.3
MAINE	24444	45.0	54.5	46.4	2.5	.2	6.2	#	#	.4
MASSACHUSETTS	113093	53.8	45.6	36.9	.8	#	10.0	.1	#	.6
MICHIGAN	193506	53.9	45.1	41.2	2.2	.4	2.6	#	#	.9
MINNESOTA	44107	49.6	50.1	46.2	2.1	.1	2.1	#	#	.3
MISSISSIPPI	54522	85.0	14.6	7.9	.4	#	6.4	.1	#	.4
MISSOURI	85507	72.0	27.1	17.7	1.2	.1	9.0	#	#	1.0
NEW JERSEY	131558	66.0	33.7	28.2	1.7	.2	4.6	.0	#	.3
NEW YORK	357728	73.6	25.3	17.1	.9	.1	8.2	.2	#	1.1
NORTH CAROLINA	61572	76.4	22.9	13.2	#	#	9.6	.3	#	.8
NORTH DAKOTA	4399	65.1	34.3	29.5	1.2	#	4.0	#	#	.5
OHIO	177966	70.7	28.7	23.3	1.1	.2	5.5	.5	#	.6
PENNSYLVANIA	181311	67.6	31.7	25.7	.9	#	5.7	.1	#	.7
PUERTO RICO	45225	87.2	12.7	6.2	#	.1	6.0	1.2	5	.1
SOUTH CAROLINA	43813	83.2	16.6	9.9	#	.1	7.3	.1	#	.2
TENNESSEE	67392	72.8	25.6	18.6	1.8	.1	7.2	.2	#	1.6
TEXAS	112155	79.9	20.1	15.3	.7	#	4.3	#	#	#
VIRGINIA	55373	70.1	29.3	21.1	.2	#	8.4	.2	#	.6
WEST VIRGINIA	21475	76.2	23.1	17.1	.1	#	7.4	.5	#	.7

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NO SAMPLE CASES

TABLE 3.--AFDC RECIPIENT CHILDREN, BY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PARENTAL SUPPORT, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL RECIPIENT CHILDREN 1/	ATTEMPT DURING PAST YEAR TO		EXISTENCE OF ORDER OR AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORT OF CHILD	
		ESTABLISH PATERNITY FOR CHILD	OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR CHILD	COURT ORDER	PARENT'S AGREEMENT
U.S. TOTAL:					
NUMBER	8120732	455760	2565641	1803609	414305
PERCENT	100.0	5.6	31.6	22.2	5.1
HEW REGION:					
REGION I	476194	2.8	39.3	38.0	5.2
REGION II	1376809	4.6	27.1	16.3	5.5
REGION III	851650	4.5	26.3	23.4	5.5
REGION IV	1255481	5.1	23.6	13.6	5.5
REGION V	1752528	4.0	30.5	29.1	2.9
REGION VI	661732	10.5	36.3	15.9	4.7
REGION VII	344537	9.6	36.4	24.7	6.1
REGION VIII	156509	3.9	36.8	31.3	2.0
REGION IX	1049979	8.9	41.6	19.8	8.1
REGION X	195313	2.4	46.5	37.3	3.4
STATE:					
ARIZONA	53117	1.8	20.6	14.2	7.7
CALIFORNIA	949864	8.9	43.5	20.1	8.3
COLORADO	76939	4.0	28.8	24.1	2.5
FLORIDA	203601	1.1	23.6	14.6	2.6
GEORGIA	268325	1.9	19.4	12.3	8.4
ILLINOIS	567598	2.2	20.1	12.9	2.9
INDIANA	118884	3.6	33.2	47.2	3.1
IOWA	63835	2.9	39.1	38.1	4.2
KANSAS	50382	3.9	24.3	34.0	3.8
KENTUCKY	118799	2.1	10.9	25.0	4.3
LOUISIANA	181222	20.5	44.2	11.7	4.7
MAINE	57566	1.1	11.4	47.2	4.8
MASSACHUSETTS	253463	1.7	48.4	37.1	7.1
MICHIGAN	459575	4.8	41.2	37.5	1.4
MINNESOTA	95740	8.1	37.5	50.2	1.5
MISSISSIPPI	138083	2.1	7.7	8.1	4.8
MISSOURI	203114	14.2	38.5	17.4	6.8
NEW JERSEY	332238	4.9	30.9	25.4	2.9
NEW YORK	883752	5.4	27.6	14.9	6.6
NORTH CAROLINA	134124	12.8	45.3	12.5	7.5
NORTH DAKOTA	9575	3.9	40.3	32.3	3.6
OHIO	391717	3.7	26.9	23.9	4.8
PENNSYLVANIA	441105	1.5	18.3	23.4	4.9
PUERTO RICO	159499	.2	16.2	4.3	4.7
SOUTH CAROLINA	111829	10.9	23.8	9.3	5.2
TENNESSEE	159904	2.2	25.6	18.9	5.4
TEXAS	283535	6.5	33.3	16.3	4.3
VIRGINIA	117641	15.6	45.0	23.1	6.6
WEST VIRGINIA	50424	3.3	28.5	15.0	5.5

1 A CHILD MAY BE INCLUDED IN MORE THAN ONE COLUMN.

TABLE 4.--AFDC FAMILIES WITH COURT ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE AFDC ASSISTANCE GROUP FOR WHOM PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX OR MORE	UNKNOWN
U.S. TOTAL:								
NUMBER	858851	335928	245604	139442	76719	34534	16770	9854
PERCENT	100.0	39.1	28.6	16.2	8.9	4.0	2.0	1.1
HEW REGION:								
REGION I	83289	34.3	33.0	17.5	8.2	3.6	2.1	.3
REGION II	108731	38.8	28.2	15.9	9.2	3.5	2.1	2.4
REGION III	94709	39.9	28.0	13.4	9.8	5.2	1.7	1.9
REGION IV	76886	36.9	27.1	17.1	8.7	4.8	3.8	1.7
REGION V	241306	39.6	28.2	16.8	9.2	3.7	2.0	.6
REGION VI	43356	30.8	25.8	22.3	9.8	6.7	3.7	.8
REGION VII	38185	31.0	34.1	16.7	11.6	3.5	2.0	1.0
REGION VIII	22897	36.4	33.0	15.2	9.2	4.1	1.8	.4
REGION IX	113008	49.8	26.5	13.7	6.2	2.8	.6	1.4
REGION X	36223	39.9	31.3	16.4	9.9	1.8	.7	#
STATE:								
ARIZONA	3692	39.2	33.0	13.9	7.3	3.9	2.7	#
CALIFORNIA	104752	49.6	25.5	14.1	6.4	2.3	.6	1.5
COLORADO	8992	40.3	28.0	17.8	7.5	4.7	.8	.8
FLORIDA	12204	30.5	29.7	19.1	9.2	6.9	4.6	#
GEORGIA	15408	42.8	23.6	15.0	7.0	6.3	2.7	2.6
ILLINOIS	34917	37.1	27.7	15.0	11.2	5.6	2.3	1.2
INDIANA	25644	38.6	29.6	14.5	9.7	4.3	3.2	#
IOWA	10714	32.2	33.5	18.4	8.9	4.9	2.1	#
KANSAS	7803	35.5	29.3	17.7	11.7	3.8	1.0	1.1
KENTUCKY	14816	42.1	26.7	19.7	5.0	3.8	1.7	2.1
LOUISIANA	8457	29.5	24.8	19.5	8.6	9.8	6.1	1.8
MAINE	12035	32.1	32.8	18.4	11.4	4.7	.5	#
MASSACHUSETTS	43111	35.2	29.3	18.5	8.6	5.2	2.5	.6
MICHIGAN	84852	39.3	31.6	17.4	7.5	2.2	1.5	.5
MINNESOTA	21498	34.3	31.6	18.4	8.0	4.1	2.8	.7
MISSISSIPPI	4595	20.8	37.3	20.1	13.5	2.8	3.4	2.1
MISSOURI	16499	29.3	35.6	15.6	13.7	3.2	.6	1.9
NEW JERSEY	39995	38.6	29.1	15.2	10.5	3.1	2.8	.7
NEW YORK	65479	39.8	27.6	16.1	8.4	3.7	1.5	3.1
NORTH CAROLINA	8284	44.7	26.3	12.2	8.7	3.6	3.6	1.0
NORTH DAKOTA	1368	33.8	29.1	19.7	9.0	7.9	#	.4
OHIO	44158	42.1	23.2	19.2	9.2	4.5	1.0	.7
PENNSYLVANIA	48504	38.7	30.0	13.6	9.9	4.5	1.6	1.6
PUERTO RICO	2861	19.6	29.4	17.7	11.7	5.9	5.9	9.8
SOUTH CAROLINA	4399	34.8	26.1	18.3	8.5	8.8	2.8	.7
TENNESSEE	14011	34.4	23.6	18.1	12.0	3.8	5.4	2.7
TEXAS	17899	28.4	22.7	26.3	12.4	6.6	3.7	#
VIRGINIA	12004	40.8	23.9	12.9	11.4	8.3	2.0	.7
WEST VIRGINIA	3707	38.0	26.9	18.0	11.1	2.8	1.3	2.1

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TABLE 5.--AFDC FAMILIES WITH PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE AFDC ASSISTANCE GROUP FOR WHOM PAYMENTS ARE AGREED UPON, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX OR MORE	UNKNOWN
U.S. TOTAL:								
NUMBER	241307	109041	56904	30550	13520	7242	9189	15861
PERCENT	100.0	45.2	23.6	12.7	5.6	3.0	3.4	6.6
HEW REGION:								
REGION I	17029	45.9	19.0	11.7	4.7	3.5	1.3	13.9
REGION II	40972	37.5	26.5	16.0	8.3	3.7	1.9	6.1
REGION III	27519	46.4	26.7	12.3	5.2	1.9	1.8	5.8
REGION IV	38956	54.2	20.3	9.1	5.8	3.0	4.3	4.3
REGION V	32127	44.2	20.1	10.4	5.9	3.1	6.0	10.5
REGION VI	14592	44.6	19.1	12.3	5.2	5.0	9.1	4.6
REGION VII	12308	41.0	29.9	7.6	13.2	1.3	2.4	4.6
REGION VIII	2006	45.3	26.7	11.6	4.5	1.8	.3	9.8
REGION IX	49695	42.5	26.6	17.1	3.5	2.3	2.7	5.3
REGION X	4117	62.4	15.4	6.9	#	4.1	3.7	7.6
STATE:								
ARIZONA	1757	36.0	17.9	12.5	9.7	9.9	8.4	5.5
CALIFORNIA	46965	42.7	27.1	16.8	3.3	2.0	2.6	5.4
COLORADO	1323	48.3	17.6	13.9	3.0	2.7	#	14.4
FLORIDA	3822	66.0	14.5	7.3	#	#	4.9	7.3
GEORGIA	12573	51.9	24.0	8.7	3.4	2.2	7.7	2.1
ILLINOIS	8902	34.9	34.7	6.6	10.9	4.2	4.2	4.5
INDIANA	2908	48.3	18.6	6.1	8.6	2.0	2.0	16.4
IOWA	1411	44.2	20.8	11.6	11.6	2.3	4.7	4.7
KANSAS	1328	38.6	27.5	11.9	4.1	2.0	1.9	14.2
KENTUCKY	3212	55.8	19.2	5.8	9.7	#	1.9	7.7
LOUISIANA	4459	45.6	20.5	15.1	5.2	3.4	5.1	5.0
MAINE	1516	34.0	16.8	27.0	9.3	3.8	6.1	3.0
MASSACHUSETTS	12106	52.8	17.6	9.9	5.5	4.4	1.1	8.8
MICHIGAN	5297	42.5	18.3	9.9	#	3.9	7.2	18.3
MINNESOTA	1099	43.9	21.4	12.4	#	4.5	4.5	13.4
MISSISSIPPI	3537	49.9	23.4	1.4	8.1	10.4	1.4	5.4
MISSOURI	8601	41.6	33.2	7.2	10.9	1.2	2.4	3.6
NEW JERSEY	6335	44.3	19.5	13.0	4.6	5.6	1.9	11.2
NEW YORK	31272	36.5	28.1	17.6	8.5	3.4	1.0	5.0
NORTH CAROLINA	6346	66.7	13.4	4.7	6.4	4.0	2.3	2.6
NORTH DAKOTA	182	44.5	22.5	26.4	#	#	3.3	3.3
OHIO	11091	49.9	12.7	16.0	6.0	2.7	4.0	8.7
PENNSYLVANIA	11376	36.8	29.3	15.8	7.0	1.8	1.7	7.0
PUERTO RICO	3365	35.0	25.0	6.7	13.3	3.3	10.0	6.7
SOUTH CAROLINA	3279	48.0	26.6	16.8	3.8	1.9	.9	1.9
TENNESSEE	5219	45.7	19.0	13.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	8.8
TEXAS	4780	42.7	19.1	10.9	8.2	8.0	11.1	#
VIRGINIA	4781	74.2	10.5	4.0	5.1	1.8	4.4	#
WEST VIRGINIA	1715	47.9	25.4	6.0	9.0	1.5	4.4	5.9

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TABLE 6. -- AFDC FAMILIES WITH COURT ORDER OR PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT AND AVERAGE AMOUNT ORDERED OR AGREED UPON FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES1/	TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT	AVERAGE AMOUNT
U.S. TOTAL:			
NUMBER	1000604	$127,313,887	$127.24
HEW REGION:			
REGION I	90256	12,247,656	135.70
REGION II	132402	17,218,705	130.05
REGION III	109725	10,853,094	98.91
REGION IV	109372	12,099,934	110.63
REGION V	248939	33,642,405	135.14
REGION VI	54517	5,807,251	106.52
REGION VII	47077	6,811,980	144.70
REGION VIII	23257	2,636,633	113.37
REGION IX	147381	20,330,286	137.94
REGION X	37678	5,665,903	150.38
STATE:			
ARIZONA	4936	1,087,152	220.25
CALIFORNIA	137116	18,691,389	136.32
COLORADO	9229	949,733	102.91
FLORIDA	15091	2,102,945	139.35
GEORGIA	26360	2,405,340	91.25
ILLINOIS	37589	7,571,156	201.42
INDIANA	25134	2,924,563	116.36
IOWA	11698	1,782,704	152.39
KANSAS	8593	1,073,307	124.90
KENTUCKY	16735	2,274,867	135.93
LOUISIANA	12074	1,064,365	88.15
MAINE	13180	1,681,943	127.61
MASSACHUSETTS	47368	5,173,171	109.21
MICHIGAN	83471	9,703,184	116.25
MINNESOTA	21695	2,380,387	109.72
MISSISSIPPI	7796	709,010	90.95
MISSOURI	22649	3,297,263	145.58
NEW JERSEY	41473	5,308,662	128.00
NEW YORK	85317	11,035,343	129.35
NORTH CAROLINA	13840	1,418,297	102.48
NORTH DAKOTA	1504	214,304	142.49
OHIO	50425	7,557,229	149.87
PENNSYLVANIA	54693	5,586,940	102.15
PUERTO RICO	5216	595,348	114.91
SOUTH CAROLINA	7003	630,268	90.00
TENNESSEE	16163	2,110,952	130.60
TEXAS	22555	1,985,840	88.22
VIRGINIA	15862	1,562,745	98.52
WEST VIRGINIA	4912	743,762	151.42

1 DOES NOT INCLUDE FAMILIES WHERE THE AMOUNT IS UNKNOWN.

TABLE 7. — AFDC FAMILIES WITH COURT ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT AND AVERAGE AMOUNT ORDERED FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES1/	TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT	AVERAGE AMOUNT
U.S. TOTAL:			
NUMBER	813973	$101,209,682	$124.34
HEW REGION:			
REGION I	78238	10,102,196	129.12
REGION II	99480	13,377,915	134.48
REGION III	87699	8,899,098	101.47
REGION IV	74242	8,589,298	115.69
REGION V	229481	28,982,940	126.30
REGION VI	42126	4,695,278	111.46
REGION VII	37486	5,383,074	143.60
REGION VIII	22009	2,477,263	112.56
REGION IX	107684	13,652,988	126.79
REGION X	35528	5,049,632	142.13
STATE:			
ARIZONA	3546	651,240	183.65
CALIFORNIA	99782	12,499,393	125.27
COLORADO	8317	872,373	104.89
FLORIDA	12017	1,504,474	125.20
GEORGIA	14882	1,690,206	113.57
ILLINOIS	31827	5,731,716	180.09
INDIANA	23621	2,767,577	117.17
IOWA	10583	1,536,889	145.22
KANSAS	7640	882,136	115.46
KENTUCKY	14446	1,869,495	129.41
LOUISIANA	8145	694,382	85.25
MAINE	11840	1,504,875	127.10
MASSACHUSETTS	38454	4,492,471	116.83
MICHIGAN	80773	9,236,947	114.36
MINNESOTA	20973	2,297,671	109.55
MISSISSIPPI	4451	409,176	91.93
MISSOURI	16094	2,428,183	150.88
NEW JERSEY	37252	4,776,573	128.22
NEW YORK	59252	7,963,404	134.40
NORTH CAROLINA	8045	966,382	120.12
NORTH DAKOTA	1350	190,030	140.76
OHIO	43263	5,648,856	130.57
PENNSYLVANIA	45312	4,702,318	103.78
PUERTO RICO	2580	362,586	140.54
SOUTH CAROLINA	4108	440,549	107.24
TENNESSEE	12863	1,364,927	106.11
TEXAS	17899	1,738,226	97.11
VIRGINIA	11448	1,298,009	113.38
WEST VIRGINIA	3656	532,624	145.68

1 DOES NOT INCLUDE FAMILIES WHERE THE AMOUNT IS UNKNOWN.

TABLE 8. -- APDC FAMILIES WITH PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR CHILD SUPPORT , BY MONTHLY AMOUNT AND AVERAGE AMOUNT AGREED UPON FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES 1/	TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT	AVERAGE AMOUNT
U.S. TOTAL:			
NUMBER	214698	$26,104,205	$121.59
HEW REGION:			
REGION I	14170	2,145,500	151.41
REGION II	35962	3,840,790	106.80
REGION III	23755	1,953,996	82.26
REGION IV	38318	3,510,636	91.62
REGION V	26251	4,659,465	177.50
REGION VI	13287	1,111,973	83.69
REGION VII	11536	1,428,906	123.86
REGION VIII	1594	159,370	99.98
REGION IX	47216	6,677,298	141.42
REGION X	2609	616,271	236.21
STATE:			
ARIZONA	1536	435,912	283.80
CALIFORNIA	44707	6,191,996	138.50
COLORADO	1020	77,360	75.84
FLORIDA	3448	598,471	173.57
GEORGIA	11762	715,134	60.80
ILLINOIS	7727	1,839,440	238.05
INDIANA	1753	156,986	89.55
IOWA	1345	245,815	182.76
KANSAS	1248	191,171	153.18
KENTUCKY	3149	405,372	128.73
LOUISIANA	4074	369,983	90.82
MAINE	1516	177,068	116.80
MASSACHUSETTS	9712	680,700	70.09
MICHIGAN	3427	466,237	136.05
MINNESOTA	862	82,716	95.96
MISSISSIPPI	3393	299,834	88.37
MISSOURI	7975	869,080	108.98
NEW JERSEY	4864	532,089	109.39
NEW YORK	28126	3,071,939	109.22
NORTH CAROLINA	6023	451,915	75.03
NORTH DAKOTA	182	24,274	133.37
OHIO	10275	1,908,333	185.73
PENNSYLVANIA	9978	884,622	88.66
PUERTO RICO	2972	236,762	79.66
SOUTH CAROLINA	3217	189,739	58.98
TENNESSEE	4372	746,025	170.64
TEXAS	4780	251,614	52.64
VIRGINIA	4570	264,736	57.93
WEST VIRGINIA	1638	211,138	128.90

1 DOES NOT INCLUDE FAMILIES WHERE THE AMOUNT IS UNKNOWN.

TABLE 9.--AFDC FAMILIES WITH COURT ORDER OR PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY EXTENT TO WHICH PAYMENTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MET, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES 1/	COURT-ORDERED PAYMENTS					PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) PAYMENTS				
		FULLY MET	PARTIALLY MET: PAYMENTS ARE		NOT MET		FULLY MET	PARTIALLY MET: PAYMENTS ARE		NOT BEING MET	UNKNOWN
			REGULAR	IRREGULAR	PROCEEDINGS INITIATED TO SECURE COMPLIANCE	NO PROCEEDINGS INITIATED TO SECURE COMPLIANCE		REGULAR	IRREGULAR		
U.S. TOTAL:											
NUMBER	1069208	187132	73305	164649	176577	293273	97763	35236	27622	59310	69536
PERCENT	100.0	17.5	6.9	15.4	16.5	27.4	9.1	3.3	2.6	5.5	6.5
HEW REGION:											
REGION I	96156	17.6	7.2	18.4	15.7	24.6	5.8	.8	3.7	5.2	6.4
REGION II	145332	20.9	7.5	15.8	13.7	18.9	15.2	6.2	1.2	3.5	8.2
REGION III	121236	18.9	8.4	16.1	15.3	19.7	10.2	3.2	1.4	6.0	7.5
REGION IV	114753	12.6	5.0	9.0	11.6	25.6	15.0	5.1	3.3	9.1	7.2
REGION V	265764	19.2	8.0	19.4	19.6	22.8	3.3	1.1	1.6	4.0	6.8
REGION VI	56514	14.8	3.6	8.7	17.1	33.6	13.6	3.8	2.7	4.9	2.5
REGION VII	48768	17.9	8.1	13.4	10.9	28.5	14.2	3.2	2.9	4.8	3.9
REGION VIII	25683	13.6	6.1	16.9	14.0	36.8	2.8	2.0	.9	4.3	8.4
REGION IX	154727	14.2	5.7	13.0	19.3	19.9	10.2	5.5	6.1	8.9	5.0
REGION X	40275	22.2	5.2	17.1	22.6	27.2	2.0	.5	2.0	3.1	7.2
STATE:											
ARIZONA	5279	8.3	4.6	11.6	6.5	34.4	8.8	4.2	5.0	6.9	12.9
CALIFORNIA	141911	14.1	5.2	13.0	20.4	19.2	10.2	5.6	6.8	9.1	4.7
COLORADO	11285	11.6	7.9	15.4	8.7	32.8	4.0	2.4	1.7	7.8	15.1
FLORIDA	15465	7.8	4.8	7.2	12.1	42.8	8.5	3.6	2.4	7.8	6.6
GEORGIA	27300	11.4	5.1	7.4	8.7	24.3	15.0	6.0	5.0	15.5	8.5
ILLINOIS	42023	15.5	6.0	11.6	14.7	29.1	6.0	1.8	.9	8.4	10.2
INDIANA	28299	16.9	5.8	15.9	14.8	37.1	3.2	.9	1.9	3.0	9.4
IOWA	11895	21.3	8.8	21.3	16.0	23.0	5.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	3.2
KANSAS	8756	16.9	7.5	14.2	16.6	37.5	6.3	1.2	1.8	4.3	2.4
KENTUCKY	17230	21.9	5.0	13.3	11.5	31.1	10.0	1.4	1.8	2.5	5.8
LOUISIANA	12459	26.3	5.4	7.7	9.7	17.4	19.4	9.6	3.6	3.7	4.3
MAINE	13432	23.2	12.1	7.3	13.0	33.3	8.9	.9	#	1.3	2.2
MASSACHUSETTS	52291	15.3	6.6	21.4	15.5	17.3	5.6	1.3	4.6	7.9	8.4
MICHIGAN	89181	24.5	10.4	20.3	23.0	15.2	2.6	.9	.9	.8	6.9
MINNESOTA	22217	24.0	9.2	20.5	25.2	19.4	1.7	.6	#	1.1	1.9
MISSISSIPPI	8164	9.5	3.7	5.8	5.6	29.2	21.1	3.5	5.5	10.8	6.3
MISSOURI	23980	17.7	8.0	7.5	4.2	30.9	21.7	3.9	3.5	6.4	6.6
NEW JERSEY	44682	14.5	8.5	21.1	15.4	28.3	5.2	1.8	1.3	2.0	6.8
NEW YORK	98477	24.3	6.9	13.5	13.6	9.1	19.1	7.2	3.2	4.4	8.9
NORTH CAROLINA	18584	8.3	7.8	5.2	17.9	20.4	18.0	7.5	3.6	11.9	6.6
NORTH DAKOTA	1534	29.9	2.6	16.4	27.6	14.9	5.6	2.0	2.3	1.6	2.0
OHIO	52205	15.4	7.3	17.3	17.1	27.3	3.5	1.4	4.9	8.8	4.7
PENNSYLVANIA	58693	23.8	7.2	20.1	16.3	16.0	8.2	3.1	.7	5.4	3.7
PUERTO RICO	5777	15.5	9.7	11.7	3.9	1.0	30.1	24.3	1.0	#	15.5
SOUTH CAROLINA	7357	8.6	6.5	9.9	15.2	14.3	20.6	9.2	4.7	6.8	5.7
TENNESSEE	18309	17.5	5.9	14.6	10.5	17.1	10.1	6.3	2.5	5.0	17.6
TEXAS	22555	12.0	3.0	7.6	21.4	16.0	14.3	#	1.7	5.1	#
VIRGINIA	16541	17.0	9.7	9.6	22.2	13.5	15.0	4.8	2.4	6.4	4.3
WEST VIRGINIA	5114	24.9	1.5	11.6	15.0	14.5	16.5	4.5	3.0	9.5	5.5

1 MAY BE LESS THAN TOTAL BECAUSE A FAMILY MAY BE INCLUDED IN MORE THAN ONE COLUMN.

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TABLE 10.--AFDC FAMILIES WITH COURT ORDER OR PARENT'S AGREEMENT (VOLUNTARY) FOR CHILD SUPPORT, BY PAYEE DESIGNATED FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS, 1975

HEW REGION AND STATE	TOTAL OF SUCH FAMILIES 1/	COURT HAS ORDERED PAYMENTS MADE TO				PARENT'S AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS TO			
		AFDC PARENT, OTHER CARETAKER OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	COURT	PUBLIC WELFARE AGENCY	OTHER AGENCY	AFDC PARENT OR OTHER PERSON	PUBLIC WELFARE AGENCY	OTHER AGENCY	UNKNOWN
U.S. TOTAL:									
NUMBER	1069208	300543	182596	311510	29159	1889	4966	904	239208
PERCENT	100.0	28.1	17.1	29.1	2.7	.2	.5	.1	22.4
HEW REGION:									
REGION I	96156	20.5	23.9	36.4	1.0	.0	.8	#	17.7
REGION II	145332	23.2	9.3	36.3	2.0	.4	.1	.1	29.0
REGION III	121236	32.5	13.3	27.6	1.3	.4	.1	.0	25.8
REGION IV	114753	40.9	17.8	4.6	1.3	.2	#	.1	34.5
REGION V	265766	20.3	22.3	42.2	1.1	.0	1.1	#	12.5
REGION VI	56514	45.5	18.6	8.2	2.7	.8	.4	#	23.8
REGION VII	48768	38.5	24.4	12.5	.8	#	.2	#	23.8
REGION VIII	25683	30.8	21.9	33.5	1.6	.3	.1	#	12.2
REGION IX	154727	28.8	9.0	22.7	10.7	#	.2	.4	28.2
REGION X	40275	24.4	20.7	45.9	.6	#	.2	#	10.3
STATE:									
ARIZONA	5279	43.5	17.6	2.8	.9	#	#	#	31.5
CALIFORNIA	143911	27.2	8.0	24.3	11.5	#	.2	.4	28.3
COLORADO	11285	14.1	18.4	46.0	#	#	.3	#	22.2
FLORIDA	15465	48.7	25.9	.6	1.8	#	#	#	21.7
GEORGIA	27300	34.1	13.4	7.2	3.0	.5	#	#	44.5
ILLINOIS	42023	47.4	14.7	12.6	#	#	.5	#	20.6
INDIANA	28299	59.5	27.1	#	1.5	.2	#	#	13.3
IOWA	11895	11.8	42.8	35.7	.6	#	.8	#	10.8
KANSAS	8756	37.6	34.2	17.7	.9	#	#	#	12.1
KENTUCKY	17230	66.7	13.9	#	.7	.4	#	#	16.1
LOUISIANA	12459	51.2	4.7	.6	8.3	1.8	#	#	33.3
MAINE	13432	75.7	.1	11.9	.1	.1	#	#	12.3
MASSACHUSETTS	52291	10.7	8.9	55.0	.3	#	1.3	#	23.9
MICHIGAN	89181	4.4	34.1	49.5	.7	#	2.3	#	9.3
MINNESOTA	22217	20.9	4.6	67.4	3.2	.2	#	#	4.5
MISSISSIPPI	8164	37.5	2.7	13.7	#	#	#	#	46.1
MISSOURI	23980	53.4	9.9	#	.4	#	#	#	34.7
NEW JERSEY	44682	20.2	5.8	56.0	3.4	#	.4	#	14.9
NEW YORK	94477	24.5	10.7	28.9	1.5	.5	#	.2	34.2
NORTH CAROLINA	14544	34.0	16.6	4.6	.5	#	#	#	43.7
NORTH DAKOTA	1534	40.2	43.4	4.0	.4	.4	#	#	12.0
OHIO	52205	12.3	12.9	56.8	1.7	#	.3	#	15.4
PENNSYLVANIA	58683	44.5	4.8	32.0	#	.3	#	#	19.0
PUERTO RICO	5777	26.2	12.6	3.9	#	1.0	#	#	55.3
SOUTH CAROLINA	7357	26.9	30.8	.9	.4	#	#	#	37.5
TENNESSEE	18309	41.8	18.0	7.5	#	.4	#	.4	29.8
TEXAS	22555	40.7	27.8	9.2	1.7	#	#	#	20.6
VIRGINIA	16541	25.5	15.3	27.4	1.8	#	#	.2	29.7
WEST VIRGINIA	5118	62.9	3.0	2.5	.5	.5	#	#	30.6

1 MAY BE LESS THAN ITEM TOTAL BECAUSE A FAMILY MAY BE INCLUDED IN MORE THAN ONE COLUMN.

NO SAMPLE CASES

APPENDIX A--GLOSSARY OF SELECTED TERMS

Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC). As used in this report, AFDC means money payments with respect to a dependent child or children and includes money payments to meet the needs of the parent(s) or needy relative with whom the child is living and the needs of any other individual living in the same home who is considered essential to the well-being of the child if the resources and the needs of such individual are taken into account in determining the amount of the money payment.

Dependent child. For AFDC, this term means a needy child who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, or, at the option of the States, who is deprived of such support or care because the father is unemployed as defined in Federal regulations. The needy child must be living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first-cousin, nephew, or niece (including such relative of the half-blood; preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great; and persons who have legally adopted the child or his parents) in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home. The child must be under age 18; or, at the option of the States, 18 years of age but under 21 and a student regularly attending a school, college, university, or a course of vocational or technical training designed to fit the child for gainful employment.

Child recipient. Each dependent child who meets the above criteria is a child recipient. In some States this term includes the unborn child when pregnancy has been medically determined.

Adult recipient. An adult recipient is a needy relative with whom a dependent child is living and whose needs are taken into account in determining the amount of the AFDC money payment. If the parent of at least one of the children is incapacitated, or the father of one of the children is unemployed, the spouse of such parent may also be an adult recipient if the State so elects.

AFDC assistance group. The AFDC assistance group consists of the dependent children (child recipients) as defined above, the adult recipients as defined above, and any other individual living in the same home who is considered essential to the well-being of the child and whose resources and needs are taken into account in determining the amount of the AFDC money payment.

AFDC family. As used in this report, the AFDC family is synonymous with the AFDC assistance group. Other persons related to members of the assistance group may live in the same household. Thus, the AFDC family will sometimes differ from the "family" as it is usually defined. The most commonly used definition of a family is that of the U.S. Bureau of the Census: two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption who reside together.

APPENDIX B--SAMPLE DESIGN AND ACCURACY OF DATA

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The sample for the 1975 AFDC Study was designed to be representative of the May 1975 caseload. In addition, the sample was stratified to allow for a longitudinal analysis of the AFDC caseload and to check the accuracy of reporting. For the longitudinal strata, the sample included cases that were used in the 1973 AFDC Study sample that also received AFDC in May 1975. For the accuracy check, the sample included cases from the May 1975 AFDC quality control sample. Additional cases were used for the 1975 AFDC Study that were neither in the 1973 sample nor the quality control sample.

To obtain the longitudinal strata sample, an attempt was made to equalize a State's 1973 and 1975 sampling rate. If the 1973 sampling rate was higher than the 1975 rate, the 1973 cases were subsampled down to the 1975 rate. If the 1973 sampling rate was lower, the 1973 cases were supplemented by cases drawn in 1975 which received a payment in 1973. Different weights for each stratum were assigned to compensate for differences in the sampling rates.

The first step in the weighting process was to estimate the stratum population in each State. The proportion of cases in each stratum was estimated by the sample proportion of cases drawn entirely from the 1975 caseload that were in each stratum. The total AFDC universe was then multiplied by these proportions, resulting in an estimate of population totals in each stratum. Stratum weights were then calculated by dividing the population estimates in a stratum by the number of sample cases in a stratum.

STATE SAMPLE SIZES

States had the option of using either a minimum sample size (1.3% of the AFDC caseload in Region VIII; 1% in Region X; .6% in Region VII; and .5% elsewhere) or an increased sample size sufficiently large to estimate a characteristic occurring at the one-half of one percent level in the State AFDC population with a standard error of 0.25 percent. The sample size was calculated using the formula:

$$\text{sample size} = N/(1 + (.00116879 \times N)), \text{ where } N \text{ is the caseload size.}$$

TABLE A-1.--Number of families and sample size

State	Universe	Sample size	State	Universe	Sample size
Alabama.....	50,556	252	Nebraska.....	11,464	72
Alaska.....	3,916	39	Nevada.....	4,400	12
Arizona.....	20,790	852	New Hampshire....	8,030	60
Arkansas.....	34,120	513	New Jersey.....	131,558	1,372
California.....	440,863	1,427	New Mexico.....	18,608	104
Colorado.....	33,386	873	New York.....	357,728	1,891
Connecticut.....	38,032	190	North Carolina...	61,572	802
Delaware.....	9,934	50	North Dakota.....	4,399	750
Dist. of Col....	31,745	144	Ohio.....	177,966	982
Florida.....	80,669	865	Oklahoma.....	30,334	141
Georgia.....	113,253	835	Oregon.....	33,478	367
Hawaii.....	14,950	73	Pennsylvania.....	181,311	908
Idaho.....	6,264	58	Puerto Rico.....	45,225	806
Illinois.....	218,949	1,139	Rhode Island.....	16,433	85
Indiana.....	50,788	836	South Carolina...	43,813	845
Iowa.....	27,646	841	South Dakota.....	7,788	107
Kansas.....	21,646	816	Tennessee.....	67,392	880
Kentucky.....	52,951	857	Texas.....	112,155	864
Louisiana.....	68,267	909	Utah.....	12,077	155
Maine.....	24,444	845	Vermont.....	7,228	34
Maryland.....	65,289	294	Virgin Islands...	792	6
Massachusetts...	113,093	850	Virginia.....	55,370	870
Michigan.....	193,506	1,031	Washington.....	45,829	478
Minnesota.....	44,107	929	West Virginia....	21,475	838
Mississippi.....	54,522	885	Wisconsin.....	54,612	269
Missouri.....	85,507	840	Wyoming.....	2,305	28
Montana.....	7,136	94			

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

The figures in the attached tables are based on a sample of AFDC families and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. They may differ from the results that would have been obtained by a complete census. However, because the research design involved a known probability of selection for a given family, the sampling variability can be estimated. The following tables indicate the estimated sampling variability (or standard error) of various percentages and absolute numbers contained in the tables in this release.

About 2 out of 3 of all possible probability samples selected, with the same specifications, will yield estimates within one standard error of the figures that would have been obtained in a complete count of AFDC families. About 95 percent of all such probability samples will give estimates within 2 standard errors, and about 99 percent of all possible probability samples will give estimates within 2.5 standard errors of the "true" figure.

TABLE A-2.--Approximate standard error of estimated percentage of AFDC families for the U.S. 1/

Estimated percentage	Standard error	Estimated percentage	Standard error	Estimated percentage	Standard error
1.....	0.08	18.....	0.29	35.....	0.36
2.....	.11	19.....	.30	36.....	.36
3.....	.13	20.....	.31	37.....	.37
4.....	.15	21.....	.31	38.....	.37
5.....	.17	22.....	.32	39.....	.37
6.....	.18	23.....	.32	40.....	.37
7.....	.20	24.....	.33	41.....	.38
8.....	.21	25.....	.33	42.....	.38
9.....	.22	26.....	.34	43.....	.38
10.....	.23	27.....	.34	44.....	.38
11.....	.24	28.....	.34	45.....	.38
12.....	.25	29.....	.35	46.....	.38
13.....	.26	30.....	.35	47.....	.38
14.....	.27	31.....	.35	48.....	.38
15.....	.27	32.....	.36	49.....	.38
16.....	.28	33.....	.36	50.....	.38
17.....	.29	34.....	.36		

1/ For percentages (p) greater than 50, the standard error is equal to the standard error of 100-p.

APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERROR FOR POPULATIONS OTHER THAN U.S. TOTAL FAMILIES

The approximate standard error for recipient children is the same as for U.S. total families. For any State and regional population, multiply the approximate standard error for the U.S. population by the factor for the State or region as shown in the following table:

TABLE A-3.--State and Region Factor

Area	Factor
State	5.0
Region I	4.0
Region II	2.5
Region III	3.0
Region IV	2.6
Region V	2.2
Region VI	3.6
Region VII	4.2
Region VIII	4.2
Region IX	2.7
Region X	4.2

For example, an estimate of 25% for families has a standard error of .33%. For Region I recipient children, an estimate of 25% has an approximate standard error of 1.3% (.33 x 4), from tables A-2 and A-3.

APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERROR FOR SUBUNIVERSE CHARACTERISTICS

Several tables concern subuniverse tabulations of portions of the total universe (e.g., (table 7) families with court orders is a subuniverse of all families). To obtain the approximate standard error of subuniverse percentage values, multiply the subuniverse percentage value of the universe by the subuniverse characteristic percentage value. Then use the tables to determine the standard error of the product, treating the product as a percentage value of a universe characteristic. Using families with court orders for child support in California as an example, 23.8% of all families in California had court orders (subuniverse percentage value of the universe) and 39.1% of families with court orders had one child for whom payments were made (subuniverse characteristic percentage value). Following the instructions, 23.8% x 39.1% = 9.3%. The standard error of State family percentage of 9.3% is .22% (from table A-2) x 5 (from table A-3) = 1.1%; thus the standard error of 39.1% is 39.1 / 9.3 x 1.1 = 4.62%.

APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERROR OF ESTIMATED NUMBERS

To obtain the standard error of the estimated number of a population with a specific characteristic, the standard error of the percentage for the characteristic should be multiplied by the total number in the population.

For example, in a State with a population of 25,000 cases, a percentage figure of 10% represents 2,500 cases. The 10% has a standard error of 1.25%, the 2,500 has a standard error of 312.5 (25,000 x 1.25%).

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES (x = .05) BETWEEN U.S. AND REGION OR STATES OR BETWEEN REGIONS AND STATES FOR CASELOAD PERCENTAGE ESTIMATES

The standard errors and intervals in the technical appendix tables are based on sample sizes of one-half of one percent (17,098 families) of the U.S. total of AFDC families in May 1975 and approximately 860 AFDC families per region or State, the minimum required for publication of the data. Since the actual sample for the U.S. and some regions and States is larger, these standard errors and intervals are generally over-estimated.

Figures in the tables refer only to percentage estimates for total caseloads. The estimated percentage in column 1 of each table is for a given characteristic in a caseload (U.S. totals in table A-4, State or region totals in table A-5). Columns 2 and 3 show the nearest upper and lower percentage values at which differences between the characteristic in this population and in another population become statistically significant (i.e., we are 95 percent confident that the true difference is greater than zero).

For example, a State's percentage for a characteristic is 28 percent. The U.S. estimate for this characteristic is 30 percent. Looking at table A-4, we see that the figures which are significantly different from 30 are 33.3 percent and 26.9 percent. Since 28 percent is between these figures, we can conclude that it is not significantly different from 30 percent.

To compare other States or regions to a specified State, we use table A-5, and the row for 28 percent. Percentages significantly different from 28 percent are less than or equal to 23.8 percent and equal to or greater than 32.4 percent. A State or regional percentage for the characteristic between 23.8 percent and 32.4 percent is not significantly different from the 28 for the specified State.

These tables were derived as follows:

The standard error of the difference between two independent estimates, P_1 of P_2, is equal to: $(P_1 (1-P_1)/n_1) + (P_2 (1-P_2)/n_2)$--(where n_1 and n_2 are the sizes of the samples from which the estimates were made). The difference between two estimates, P_1-P_2, becomes significant when the difference is greater than 2 standard errors or less than -2 standard errors (when the absolute value of the difference is greater than 2 standard errors).

In the tables, the values of P_1 are found in the estimated percentage column. The values in the adjacent columns are the nearest values to P_1 which are significantly different from it; i.e., the closest values to P_1 where P_1-P_2 is greater than 2 standard errors.

TABLE A-4.--Significant differences for percentage values between U.S. and regions or States

Estimated percentage	Percentage value at which differences become significant		Estimated percentage	Percentage value at which differences become significant	
	Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower
1.....	2.0	0.5	51.....	54.5	47.5
2.....	3.2	1.2	52.....	55.5	48.5
3.....	4.4	2.0	53.....	56.4	49.5
4.....	5.6	2.8	54.....	57.4	50.5
5.....	6.8	3.8	55.....	58.4	51.5
6.....	7.9	4.5	56.....	59.4	52.5
7.....	9.0	5.4	57.....	60.4	53.5
8.....	10.1	6.3	58.....	61.4	54.5
9.....	11.2	7.2	59.....	62.4	55.5
10.....	12.3	8.1	60.....	63.4	56.6
11.....	13.4	9.0	61.....	64.3	57.6
12.....	14.4	9.9	62.....	65.3	58.6
13.....	15.5	10.8	63.....	66.3	59.6
14.....	16.6	11.7	64.....	67.3	60.6
15.....	17.7	12.7	65.....	68.2	61.6
16.....	18.7	13.6	66.....	69.2	62.6
17.....	19.8	14.5	67.....	70.2	63.7
18.....	20.8	15.5	68.....	71.2	64.7
19.....	21.9	16.4	69.....	72.1	65.7
20.....	22.9	17.3	70.....	73.1	66.7
21.....	24.0	18.3	71.....	74.1	67.8
22.....	25.0	19.2	72.....	75.0	68.8
23.....	26.0	20.2	73.....	76.0	69.8
24.....	27.1	21.1	74.....	76.9	70.8
25.....	28.1	22.1	75.....	77.9	71.9
26.....	29.2	23.1	76.....	78.9	72.9
27.....	30.2	24.0	77.....	79.8	74.0
28.....	31.2	25.0	78.....	80.8	75.0
29.....	32.2	25.9	79.....	81.7	76.0
30.....	33.3	26.9	80.....	82.7	77.1
31.....	34.3	27.9	81.....	83.6	78.1
32.....	35.3	28.8	82.....	84.5	79.2
33.....	36.3	29.8	83.....	85.5	80.2
34.....	37.4	30.8	84.....	86.4	81.3
35.....	38.4	31.8	85.....	87.3	82.3
36.....	39.4	32.7	86.....	88.3	83.4
37.....	40.4	33.7	87.....	89.2	84.5
38.....	41.4	34.7	88.....	90.1	85.6
39.....	42.4	35.7	89.....	91.0	86.6
40.....	43.4	36.6	90.....	91.9	87.7
41.....	44.5	37.6	91.....	92.8	88.8
42.....	45.5	38.6	92.....	93.7	89.9
43.....	46.5	39.6	93.....	94.6	91.0
44.....	47.5	40.6	94.....	95.5	92.1
45.....	48.5	41.6	95.....	96.4	93.2
46.....	49.5	42.6	96.....	97.2	94.4
47.....	50.5	43.6	97.....	98.0	95.6
48.....	51.5	44.5	98.....	98.8	96.8
49.....	52.5	45.5	99.....	99.5	98.0
50.....	53.5	46.5			

TABLE A-5.--Significant differences for percentage values between regions and States

Estimated percentage	Percentage value at which differences become significant		Estimated percentage	Percentage value at which differences become significant	
	Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower
1.....	2.2	0.2	51.....	55.8	46.2
2.....	3.6	.8	52.....	56.8	47.2
3.....	4.9	1.5	53.....	57.7	48.2
4.....	6.1	2.3	54.....	58.7	49.2
5.....	7.3	3.1	55.....	59.7	50.2
6.....	8.5	3.9	56.....	60.7	51.2
7.....	9.7	4.7	57.....	61.7	52.3
8.....	10.8	5.6	58.....	62.7	53.3
9.....	11.9	6.4	59.....	63.6	54.3
10.....	13.1	7.3	60.....	64.6	55.3
11.....	14.2	8.2	61.....	65.6	56.3
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15.....	18.6	11.7	65.....	69.5	60.4
16.....	19.7	12.6	66.....	70.4	61.4
17.....	20.7	13.6	67.....	71.4	62.4
18.....	21.8	14.5	68.....	72.4	63.5
19.....	22.9	15.4	69.....	73.3	64.5
20.....	24.0	16.3	70.....	74.3	65.5
21.....	25.0	17.2	71.....	75.2	66.6
22.....	26.1	18.2	72.....	76.2	67.6
23.....	27.1	19.1	73.....	77.1	68.7
24.....	28.2	20.0	74.....	78.1	69.7
25.....	29.2	21.0	75.....	79.0	70.8
26.....	30.3	21.9	76.....	80.0	71.8
27.....	31.3	22.9	77.....	80.9	72.9
28.....	32.4	23.8	78.....	81.8	73.9
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38.....	42.7	33.4	88.....	91.0	84.7
39.....	43.7	34.4	89.....	91.8	85.8
40.....	44.7	35.4	90.....	92.7	86.9
41.....	45.7	36.4	91.....	93.6	88.1
42.....	46.7	37.3	92.....	94.4	89.2
43.....	47.8	38.3	93.....	95.3	90.3
44.....	48.8	39.3	94.....	96.1	91.5
45.....	49.8	40.3	95.....	96.9	92.7
46.....	50.8	41.3	96.....	97.7	93.9
47.....	51.8	42.3	97.....	98.5	95.1
48.....	52.8	43.2	98.....	99.2	96.4
49.....	53.8	44.2	99.....	99.8	97.8
50.....	54.8	45.2			

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Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Vermont

REGION II: (New York)

New Jersey
New York
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

REGION III: (Philadelphia)

Delaware
District of Columbia
Maryland
Pennsylvania
Virginia
West Virginia

REGION IV: (Atlanta)

Alabama
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Mississippi
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee

REGION V: (Chicago)

Illinois
Indiana
Michigan
Minnesota
Ohio
Wisconsin

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Arkansas
Louisiana
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Texas

REGION VII: (Kansas City)

Iowa
Kansas
Missouri
Nebraska

REGION VIII: (Denver)

Colorado
Montana
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